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SUBJECT: CEP: MEETING OF THE STUDY GROUP ON THE ALLIANCE AND
THE PROBLEM OF OIL SUPPLIES-NOVEMBER 28-29, 1973

REF: A. AC/288-A(73)2; B. C-M(73)94; C.C-4(73)60

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BODC & MARAD.

SUMMARY: STUDY GROUP UNABLE TO AGREE ON FUTURE COURSE
OF WORK, DESPITE COUNCIL GUIDANCE, DUE TO SENSITIVITY
OF CURRENT OIL SITUATION. END SUMMARY.

1. STUDY GROUP-1 MET TO CONTINUE FOLLOW-UP ON THE
INTERIM REPORT TO THE COUNCIL (REF B) AND COUNCIL'S
DIRECTION TO PRESS ON WITH THE STUDY (REF C). IS
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PREPARED A DRAFT WORKING PAPER FOR THIS FOLLOW-UP
EFFORT ENTITLED "THE VULNERABILITY OF OIL SUPPLY TO
NATO NATIONS" DATED NOVEMBER 16 (COPY POUCHEO EUR/RPM-KING).
IS ALSO SUBMITTED A PAPER WHOSE MAIN POINT WAS THAT "THE

DAY-TO-DAY MANAGEMENT OF THE PRESENT OIL SITUATION TAKES PRIORITY OVER THE AC/288 STUDY AND THAT, AS A CONSEQUENCE, THE WORK OF THE AC/288 GROUP WOULD ONLY BE RESUMED ONCE THE PRESENT OIL CRISIS IS SETTLED".

2. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION RESULTED IN POLARIZATION OF VIEWS. NETHERLANDS REP (HOFMAN) TOOK POSITION THAT CURRENT CRISIS COMPLETELY REORDERED PRIORITYIES AND SCOPE OF STUDY. HE STATED SUBJECT WAS TOO SENSITIVE FOR DISCUSSION EVEN IN CONFERENCE ROOMS OF NATO HQS AND THAT WE SHOULD AVOID EXAMINATION OF REAL FACTS OF CURRENT CRISIS AND ACCORDINGLY, FUTURE IMPACT OF DEFENSE CAPABILITY OF ALLIANCE. IT WAS HIS VIEW THAT COUNCIL DIRECTIVE (REF C) WAS NO LONGER APPLICABLE. THE US REP, SUPPORTED BY DENMARK, FRANCE AND OTHER REPS (FRG, NORWAY AND UK) TO A LESSER DEGREE, REJECTED DUTCH VIEW STATING AS TIME GOES ON IT IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT TO STUDY VULNERABILITY OF NATO DEFENSE CAPABILITY RE OIL SUPPLIES. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT IS PAPER BE REDRAFTED TO DESCRIBE OPPOSING VIEWPOINTS FOR PRESENTATION TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MAIN STUDY GROUP WHO IS ALSO ASYG FOR DEFENSE PLANNING AND POLICY (HUMPHREYS). IS REP QUICKLY CONFERRED WITH HUMPHREYS, WHO SUGGESTED THAT PROPOSED DRAFT BE SCRAPPED AND THAT SUBJECT BE VETTED IN MAIN STUDY GROUP.

3. MEETING OF THE MAIN STUDY GROUP THE FOLLOWING DAY, COMPOSED OF STUDY GROUP-1 PARTICIPANTS, WAS NOT ABLE TO MOVE SUBJECT ANY FURTHER. CHAIRMAN (DEVEGLIA IN ABSENCE OF HUMPHREYS) WAS REQUESTED TO DRAFT DECISION SHEET REFLECTING THE DIFFERRING VIEWS OF NATIONAL REPS, AS WELL AS PRESENTING VIEW THAT THE STUDY WAS STARTED WELL BEFORE CURRENT CRISIS. REORDERING OF PRIORITIES MIGHT BE IN ORDER WITH POSSIBLITY THAT CURRENT COUNCIL GUIDANCE MAY NEED TO BE ADJUSTED.

4. QUOTED BELOW IS AN ADVANCE COPY OF THE DRAFT DECISION SHEET AS PREPARED BY MR. DEVEGLIA. FINAL COPY EXPECTED CONFIDENTIAL

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TO BE ISSURED DECEMBER 7.

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STUDY GROUP ON THE ALLIANCE AND THE PROBLEM OF OIL SUPPLIES
MEETING HELD ON 29TH NOVEMBER, 1973

NOTE BY THE ACTING CHAIRMAN

DURING THE DISCUSSION OF ITEM II OF THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF 29TH NOVEMBER, 1973, "FUTHER PROGRESS OF THE STUDY" THE COMMITTEE INVITED ME TO CIRCULATE A

DRAFT DECISION FOR THIS SUBJECT. THIS DRAFT DECISION IS
SUBMITTED AT ANNEX FOR APPROVAL UNDER THE SILENCE PROCEDURE
WITHIN 15 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTE.

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2. COMMENTS ON IT, IF ANY, SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE
CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP, MR. D.C. HUMPHREYS, ASSISTANT
SECRETARY GENERAL FOR DEFENCE PLANNING AND POLICY.

(SIGNED) M. DEVEGLIA

ANNEX TO
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DRAFT DECISION ON ITEM II OF AGENDA AC/288-A(73)2

II. FURTHER PROGRESS OF THE STUDY:

THE SUTYD GROUP:

1. CONSIDERED THE COUNCIL'S INVITATION TO CONTINUE
ITS WORK ALONG THE LINES SUGGESTED IN PARAGRAPHS 6(A)
AND 6(B) OF THE INTERIM REPORT C-M(73)94 IN THE LIGHT
OF THE CURRENT OIL SITUATION AND THE COUNCIL DISCUSSION
ON THIS REPORT AS LAID DOWN IN THE COUNCIL RECORD
C-R(73)60 (ANNEX);
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2. NOTED THAT ON 27/28 NOVEMBER HAD AGREED A REPORT TO THE SENIOR CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE AND THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL, SUGGESTING PRECAUTIONARY STEPS TO BE TAKEN AT NATO HEADQUARTERS TO INCREASE PREPAREDNESS SHOULD THE SITUATION DETERIORATE;

3. NOTED THAT CERTAIN MEMBER NATIONS HAD, FOR THE TIME BEING BECAUSE OF THE CURRENT OIL SITUATION, DIFFICULTIES TO FULLY SUPPORT THE WORK REMITTED TO THE STUDY GROUP BY THE COUNCIL, DUE TO:

- (A) THE COMMITMENTS OF THEIR STAFFS IN CAPITALS AND IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORA;
- (B) THE SENSITIVITY OF THE ISSUES TO BE STUDIED;

4. CONSEQUENTLY INVITED SUB-GROUP 1 ON CIVIL REQUIREMENTS TO CONSIDER AS A FIRST TASK TO REVIEW THE MATERIAL CONTAINED IN C-M(73)94 IN THE LIGHT OF COMMENTS MADE BY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES AND TO UPDATE THE FIGURES CONTAINED THEREIN AS APPROPRIATE;

5. TO THAT END DIRECTED THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF TO UNDERTAKE THE NECESSARY STAFF WORK FOR SUB-GROUP 1, WHERE APPROPRIATE, IN CONTACT WITH MEMBERS OF THE SUB-GROUP;

6. FURTHER DIRECTED THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF TO INITIATE THE STAFF WORK NECESSARY FOR THE PURSUANCE OF THE STUDIES AS DIRECTED BY THE COUNCIL IN PARAGRAPH 6(A) AND 6(B) OF C-M(73)94;

7. NOTED THE STEPS TAKEN BY THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES AND BY NATIONS TO ENSURE THAT STOCKS NEEDED FOR MILITARY PURPOSES WERE MAINTAINED AT THE REQUIRED LEVEL. END QTE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: NATIONS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE VIEWS ON DRAFT DECISION 15 DAYS AFTER ITS DISTRIBUTION. VIEWS WILL THEN SERVE AS A BASIS FOR FUTURE COURSE OF ACTION.
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